

REMARKS

Election of Species Restriction Requirement

Claims 1 through 4, 6, and 10 through 29 are currently pending in the application and subject to an Election of Species Restriction Requirement.

Three species of invention have been identified:

Species I: Claims 1 through 4, 6, 10 through 18, and 21 through 25

Species II: Claims 19 and 20; and

Species III: Claims 26 through 29.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to prosecute the species of invention as set forth in claims 1 through 4, 6, 10 through 18, and 21 through 25, and designated by the Office as Species I.

Applicants request an action on the merits of claims 1 through 4, 6, 10 through 18, and 21 through 25.

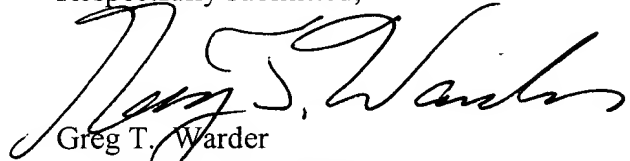
Previously Submitted Information Disclosure Statement

Please note that an Information Disclosure Statement was filed in the above-referenced application on October 21, 2002, but that an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 that accompanied that Information Disclosure Statement has not yet been returned to the undersigned attorney. It is respectfully requested that the information cited in the Information Disclosure Statement and listed on the Form PTO-1449 be considered and made of record in the above-referenced application and that an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 evidencing such consideration be returned to the undersigned attorney.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that each of claims 1 through 4, 6, 10 through 18, and 21 through 25 be considered on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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